

### **REMARKS**

In the Office Action mailed September 9, 2005, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12, 14-17, 22-26 and 28-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), claims 4, 8, 13, 18 and 20-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and claim 19 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 19 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

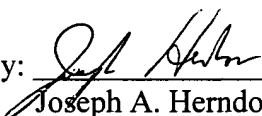
Claims 1, 26 and 29 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 19. In addition, dependent claims 2, 15-16 and 28 were amended to comply with the changes to claims 1 and 26, and claims 13-14, 17-19 and 27 were canceled.

Applicants respectively submit that, in view of the remarks above, all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request such action. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (312) 913-3331 with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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